

## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2013

Saturday, 9am-Noon November 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Fall ROW Cleanup Town ROW November 7<sup>th</sup> WABA Board Mtg. Thursday, 7pm Miller-Cowan Town Council Tuesday, 7pm November 12<sup>th</sup> Gillem Thursday, 7pm November 14<sup>th</sup> **Planning Commission** Kendall Wednesday, 7:15pm November 20<sup>th</sup> WABA Special Mtg. Enatai Library

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## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**: At the October 8, 2013 meeting, the Council:

- Received additional information from Town Marshal Walter Scott and Jim Finnell about a proposal to install security cameras in the Village. Please see a more detailed presentation of this discussion in the Marshal's Report. At this time, the Council has decided not to fund this project due to both the significant initial investment & the ongoing maintenance costs, which could deplete Town reserves.
- Began discussions of the Town's 2014 Budget by reviewing preliminary revenue and expenditure estimates during the first of two public hearings. A second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. During this hearing, the Council will also pass an ordinance setting the property-tax levy for 2014. The final 2014 Budget will be adopted at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- Adopted Resolution No. 286 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust, to participate in AWC's self-insured Health Care Program.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2013** at John Gillem's house. The Council will hold its second of two public hearings to discuss the 2014 Budget.

FALL TOWN CLEANUP: The annual fall Town ROW cleanup work party is <u>this Saturday</u>, <u>November 2nd</u>. The prime time is <u>9am-Noon</u>, that's when the coffee and donuts circulate, but the dumpsters will be parked around the village in the usual places all weekend.

It's a great opportunity to work together and attack a whole area, and it's a terrific social opportunity to get out and reacquaint ourselves with our neighbors, and help out those that cannot do any work themselves. And for students looking for community service hours, this is a great source. Fun places to help out:

- Keeping islands and mail stand areas beautiful.
- Keeping the sidewalk clear of debris and any menacing branches on any of the streets, but especially along 104th/105th/108th Aves. (If you're walking the sidewalk and have to duck or dodge, or something's hanging less than 13' over the street, politely introduce it to a dumpster).
- Pruning around corners to maintain visibility for drivers.
- Clearing weeds and debris and low-hanging branches from the paths.
- Clearing around your water meter, so that the meter readers don't have to go spelunking.

MARSHAL REPORT: BAV proposed camera project: Last month, the Town Council declined to give further consideration to the proposed camera project, at this time. This project proposed a set of cameras at the three town entry points to record plates in/out which would be viewed only in the event of crime occurrence. The installation cost would have used most of the justice funds in the Town's reserve. Further, the cost to operate the system was estimated at \$12K/year—potentially creating a budget deficit. The Council believed that the effectiveness of the system was not demonstrated sufficiently to warrant the expenditure. But, they left open that this program could be re-introduced in the future, should technology improve to increase the effectiveness of the system or decrease in cost especially if there is a bump in the frequency or gravity of crime in the area. We owe neighbor Jim Finnell our thanks, for his time, effort and expertise in working with the industry vendors in system design & developing this proposal. Jim is an expert in risk assessment and related systems.

The other parts of Mr. Finnell's assessment included that homeowners should seriously consider installing **and using** home alarms, motion-activated exterior lighting, and have interior lighting on timers. This is a personal choice, but is an effective deterrent. Be sure to post your alarm provider sign in front of your residence.

Neighbors should also follow the basics when gone, of having the paper picked up by neighbors, lock all doors and windows, and avoid advertising upcoming vacation plans inadvertently to criminals - by posting such intended trips on internet sites like Facebook. If you are a social media enthusiast, please review and consider your privacy settings. A remarkable number of Facebook users have their pages set up as "public", not "friends only". Also, if a non – resident is "trolling" our streets, depending upon your comfort level, it would be very helpful to take a photo the driver or at least of the car license plate. There is some value in the driver seeing this occur with the 80/20 rule: "80% of all home burglaries are perpetrated by the same 20% professional perpetrators". There was a rash of burglaries in Enatai in early summer, and frequency decreased abruptly with Bellevue and Portland police apprehending of the suspect. So, being on alert for those professionals casing our homes is important. Please also note that the vast majority of burglaries occur during business hours during the week. It seems that while we are at work, so are the criminals that burglarize our homes!

**PET SAFETY:** As the weather gets colder, coyotes and raccoons may get more desperate for food, and have been spotted in the area recently. Please keep your pet food and smaller pets indoors whenever possible; one neighbor's cat fell prey already, last week.

**PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY:** The Planning Commission will have a vacancy to fill by year-end. The Planning Commission typically meets on the third Thursday evening of the month, and is the Town's advisory body on land-use issues. For more information, talk to Deputy Clerk Kulp or Mayor Leider, and review <a href="http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pln\_comm.htm">http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pln\_comm.htm</a>.

**TOWN BUILDING NEWS:** All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in October:

10526 SE 28<sup>th</sup> St. All necessary permits, new construction 2737 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Gas connection to new construction

BAV streets Several electrical pole replacements to upgrade PSE Infrastructure

**Reminder:** *Most work usually needs a permit*. Please visit <a href="http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg">http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg</a> dept.htm for more details, or contact Deputy Clerk Kulp with questions. Thank you to those that double-check before beginning work.

**IN MEMORIAM:** We extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of previous villager, Ken Van Nortwick, who passed away October 13, 2013, at the age of 81. Ken was raised in Oregon, served in the Korean War with the Air Force, and then majored in Electrical Engineering at OSU where he met the love of his life, Betsy, whom he later married. Ken earned his Masters in Electrical

Engineering at UW. The Van Nortwick's settled in Beaux Arts to raise their family, in what is now the Ellison's house. Ken was an avid sailor and loved sailing in the San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands with his children. Ken worked for Boeing for 35 years and retired in 1995. Ken was an expert in electrical magnetic interference for electronic engine controls; serving on the first committee that established design requirements for protecting airborne electronics during lighting strikes for all aircrafts. Ken was loyal, hard working and an anchor for those who depended on him. Ken is survived by his loving wife Betsy, sons Bob & John, daughter Gale and 8 beautiful grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the charity of your choice and that you treat others in the same way Ken treated you. There will be no funeral services at his request.

UPDATES FROM KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION: Food: Too Good To Waste -

Building on its 2012 pilot program with an elementary school, the Solid Waste Division just launched its county-wide public education campaign. Food waste is a growing problem with profound financial and environmental consequences, including climate change impacts. Nearly 26 percent of what goes into the landfill from King County households is food waste and food-soiled paper. *Food: Too Good to Waste* was designed through collaboration between EPA Region 10, King County and more than 25 other state, city and county government partners over the last two years. King County is one of the first partners to implement this program in the U.S. Check out to learn more:

http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wasteprevention/too-good-to-waste.asp.

**"What do I do with...?" Website Tip:** When referring to the *What Do I Do With...?* Website online and in printed materials, use the more easily remembered URL <u>KingCounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith</u> instead of the full <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/</a>

This applies to several other Solid Waste Division webpages as well, such as (none are case sensitive):

- The SWD home page: <u>KingCounty.gov/SolidWaste</u>
- LinkUp: <u>KingCounty.gov/LinkUp</u>
- Take it Back Network: KingCounty.gov/TakeitBack or www.TakeItBackNetwork.org
- Green Schools: KingCounty.gov/GreenSchools
- Recycle More: KingCounty.gov/RecycleMore and www.RecycleFood.com
- Green Tools: KingCounty.gov/GreenTools or www.GreenTools.us and EcoCoolRemodel.com

## UPDATES, SOUND TRANSIT, EASTLINK PROJECT: Public involvement opportunity

Join us as we share design plans for the Overlake segment of the East Link Extension.

**Overlake** (Overlake Village and Overlake Transit Center stations)

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 6-8 p.m. (presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Ardmore Elementary, Gymnasium 16616 NE 32nd St., Bellevue

The Overlake open house gives future light rail riders, transit center users and community members the chance to look at design concepts and provide feedback on the Overlake light rail segment and stations.

**SOUND TRANSIT, LONG-RANGE PLAN:** Sound Transit needs your help deciding where regional transit services could expand after current voter-approved projects are complete in 2023. An important process getting underway today to update the region's Long-Range Plan will provide the vision for transit expansions many years into the future.

What is the regional Long-Range Plan? Voters in Central Puget Sound approved the formation of Sound Transit to develop a high-capacity transportation system for the region, where about 40 percent of the state's residents live. Updating the plan will address how to respond to rising demand and congestion as our population grows approximately 30 percent by 2035. The Long-Range Plan serves as the blueprint for how the region can use mass transit expansions to protect and promote its mobility, economy and environment. Future ballot measures will be shaped by the plan.

Shape the future of regional mass transit – get involved Sound Transit will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to update the Long-Range Plan. The first step in the process, called scoping, will determine which alternatives will be studied in the SEIS. Between Oct. 25 and Nov. 25 this important process will give you, local jurisdictions and public agencies a chance to learn more about the project, provide comments, and help Sound Transit identify and consider potential alternatives and effects on the environment. There are several great ways to make sure the Transit Board hears you:

- Attend one of the upcoming public meetings around the region (see below)
- Take an online survey at <u>soundtransit.org/LongRangePlan</u>
- E-mail your comments to LongRangePlan@soundtransit.org
- Mail us at Sound Transit, Attn: James Irish, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104

**Public meetings-** Evening events are from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with a presentation at 6:15 p.m.

Seattle – Tuesday, Nov. 12, Seattle University Campion Ballroom, 914 E. Jefferson St.

Federal Way—Wednesday, Nov. 13, Federal Way Community Center, 876 S. 333rd St.

**Redmond**—**Thursday, Nov. 14,** Redmond Marriott, 7401 164th Ave. N.E.

Tacoma — Monday, Nov. 18, Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Broadway

**Everett**—**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** Eisenhower Middle School, 10200 25th Ave. S.E.

Daytime event: Seattle—Thursday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St. Today, Sound Transit trains and buses serve approximately 100,000 riders each weekday. The starting point for considering future expansions is this existing system and currently funded projects. By 2023, the Link light rail system is on track to grow to nearly 50 miles, expanding north to Lynnwood, east to Bellevue and Redmond's Overlake area, and south to Kent/Des Moines. These voter-approved extensions are projected to increase Sound Transit daily ridership to about 350,000 in 2030. The region will face major challenges maintaining an effective transportation system in the coming decades as more and more people call the more than 50 cities that Sound Transit serves home. You can play an important role in deciding where expanded services go. More information:

- Visit www.soundtransit.org/LongRangePlan
- Questions? Call 206-903-7000 or e-mail <a href="mailto:LongRangePlan@soundtransit.org">LongRangePlan@soundtransit.org</a>
- For information in alternative formats, call 1-800-201-4900 / TTY Relay: 711 or email accessibility@soundtransit.org

**WABA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:** The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be **Thursday, November 7**<sup>th</sup> at **7:00pm** at the Miller-Cowan residence.

WABA REQUESTS VILLAGE INPUT: The McKean's have requested permission to upgrade the garage, original to their lot off of SE 27<sup>th</sup> since 1930. A small portion of that structure intrudes onto WABA property. In addition, they have asked to assume landscape responsibility of the WABA-owned road easement abutting their lot along SE 27<sup>th</sup>. Please review the information contained in the e-mail blast of October 30th. Then, e-mail comments or questions on either topic (McKean's or Bylaws) to the WABA Clerk at: <a href="wabaclerk@gmail.com">wabaclerk@gmail.com</a> by November 6th **OR** share your thoughts in person during the next Board Meeting to be held at the Cowan-Miller Residence on November 7th.

**WABA SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20th - 7:15 pm - ENATAI LIBRARY:** Two issues to be discussed and voted on: the consolidated/revised Bylaws and a License Agreement endorsing the McKean's request to encumber WABA-owned land abutting their lot's north side. An email was sent on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and hard copies of the same letter and proxies were mailed out on the same day. Please be sure to submit your proxy vote no later than 5:00PM on 11/20, **OR** plan to attend the meeting and vote in person. A quorum is necessary for this vote!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Christmas Ship will be performing at Beaux Arts Beach on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00PM to 8:20pm. If you would like to help with the bonfires, serve hot chocolate, and lead carol singing please contact the WABA Clerk.

**WABA BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:** The WABA Board has begun discussions on the 2014 WABA Budget. Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome. Please contact the WABA Clerk.

**ANNUAL WINTER DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING:** Planning for the 2014 Annual Winter Dinner and Business meeting has begun, if you're interested in helping out on the committee, please contact the WABA Clerk.

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE: Thank you Julia Morse, for assisting with the research on Beaux Arts pioneer and Bellevue entrepreneur, <u>James Ditty</u>, for this recently written Crosscut article: <a href="http://crosscut.com/2013/10/01/roots-of-tomorrow/116702/nudist-arts-colony-spawned-downtown-bellevue/">http://crosscut.com/2013/10/01/roots-of-tomorrow/116702/nudist-arts-colony-spawned-downtown-bellevue/</a>. James Ditty was just as important to Bellevue's roots as Beaux Arts, so it's thrilling to have this information published. James Ditty's home is still standing in Beaux Arts, now known as the Fulton home. For residents interested in learning more about Beaux Arts history, consider assisting Julia with the WABA History Committee or contact her with any questions.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Lost items may be reported to Deputy Clerk Kulp for communicating to residents. Found items may be turned into Deputy Clerk Kulp or Beachmaster Kulp. Found 8/23 on 29<sup>th</sup> path: **Car key** on college ribbon. See Angela Kulp to describe. Lost during BARF Regatta: Nautica prescription **sunglasses**. See Andrea Sharp if located.

## NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

Contact <u>Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens</u> if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.

Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov

Phone: (425) 454-8580

Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

Town website: <a href="http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/">http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/</a>

Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov

Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

Contact <u>Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp</u> if you have questions or submissions for this newsletter, building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner.

Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov

Phone: (425) 269-6985

Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

Town website: http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/

To report Block Watch concerns, contact:

<u>Town Marshal Walter Scott:</u> (425) 454-2573 <u>Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster:</u> (425) 746-0757

**NEED TO CONTACT WABA?** WABA Members may contact <u>WABA Clerk Kristin Mange</u> for any concerns or questions you have about the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, regarding the beach or its reservations, parking stickers, green book, WABA social events or issues before the Board of Trustees.

Email: wabaclerk@gmail.com Phone: 425-502-7382

Mail: 10010 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004

Website: http://waba1908.com/